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REPORT

TOPIC Neuruppin Airfield

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The following observations were made at Neuruppin airfield between 10 and 23 November 1953: 25X1

10 November. Between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., there was little air activity at the field. The sky was overcast and visibility good.

17 November. Between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., local individual flights were made by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s. There was closed ceiling and visibility of 2 km.

18 November. [redacted] 20 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field in addition to the four alert aircraft. The engines of the alert aircraft were being exchanged. 25X1

Between 19 and 23 November, there was no air activity observed at the field.

Between 10 and 23 November, [redacted] the engines of the MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were continuously being exchanged. 25X1

2. [redacted] 25X1

the buildings on Gentz Strasse, Altruppin Allee, Wittstocker Allee and Kuehn Platz had to be vacated by the Germans to make room for 400 dependents who were expected from the USSR.

3. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 18 and 25 November:

18 November. At 3:22 p.m., a Yak-14, with the light gray No 2 landed at the field. No other air activity was observed. Around 4 p.m., 20 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s, 4 Yak-11s, 3 Po-2s and 1 Yak-14 were counted at the field.

19 November. There was no air activity. The weather was foggy and visibility was limited to 500 meters.

20 November. No flights were made. There was high fog, intermittent drizzle, and visibility of about 3 km.

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21 November. There was no air activity throughout the day. Visibility was limited to about 3 km in the morning and to about 5 km in the afternoon. At 4 p.m., 24 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s, 3 Yak-11s, 2 Po-2s and 1 Yak-14 were counted at the field.

22 November. No activity was observed at the field. There was high fog and a visibility range of about 5 km.

23 November. A Po-2 took off at 11:32 a.m. and headed south-southwest. No other air activity was observed. There was high fog in the morning and light rain and a visibility range of about 2 km in the afternoon.

24 and 25 November. No air activity was conducted. The weather was cloudless and visibility was limited to 20 km.

4. Between 18 and 25 November, the four alert MiG-15s were parked just north of the small temporary building, which was about 50 meters north of the repair hangar. The aircraft were not towed to the west end of the runway on 24 and 25 November when there was a strong south-easterly wind. [redacted] on 18 and 21 November [redacted] the alert aircraft were loosely covered with tarpaulins which could be quickly removed. The additional two MiG-15s which had been parked southwest of the small temporary building in late October were no longer observed there after 21 November. Since that date, six MiG-15s covered with tarpaulins like the alert aircraft have been parked in one line in front of the destroyed hangar No 3. A small starter carriage was observed underneath the left wing of each of the six aircraft. [redacted] the six aircraft were additional alert aircraft. 25X1
5. Every day after 21 November between 3:45 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., the lights along the runway, taxiway and hangar area were tested for 4 minutes each. 25X1
6. Between 18 and 25 November, 37-mm AA guns were observed in the AA gun emplacement near Klappgraben (ditch). The AA gun emplacement near the shrapnelproof aircraft revetments on the northeastern edge of the field could not be observed.<sup>3</sup> 25X1
7. [redacted] motor vehicles occupied by air force soldiers were observed in Neuruppin [redacted] 25X1
8. Between 19 and 28 November, no air activity was observed at the field. On 28 November, 17 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s, in addition to the 4 alert MiG-15s, were observed in the hangar area.<sup>1</sup> On 9 November, a large number of soldiers left the field. On 22 November, several groups of young air force soldiers, accompanied by NCOs, were observed in the town.<sup>4</sup> 25X1
1. [redacted] Comment. Neuruppin airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment equipped with about 28 MiG-15s. Usually the count of aircraft averages between 24 and 26 aircraft with once 36 aircraft being counted at the field. There was little air activity because of fog. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. The expected arrival of officers' dependents was previously reported from other airfields.
3. [redacted] Comment. The AA gun emplacement at Klappgraben (ditch) is known. AA firing was previously observed being conducted from an unidentified emplacement in the northeastern section of the field. [redacted] 25X1
4. [redacted] Comment. Personnel were probably exchanged.

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